

Bahrain FTA
Implementation
Committee



U.S.-Middle East Free Trade Coalition



You are invited to attend a
Business Conference on

Free Trade in the Middle East:

Celebrating the U.S.- Bahrain Free Trade Agreement and
Highlighting New Trade and Investment Opportunities
between the United States and the Middle East

Monday, February 27, 2006

Time 8:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

at the

Sheraton Hotel

Manama, Bahrain

Featuring:

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Carlos M. Gutierrez

*This conference is being jointly sponsored by:
The Bahrain FTA Implementation Committee,
The U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S.-Middle East Free Trade Coalition*

To register for this conference, please complete the attached form and e-mail it to
Samar.Janahi@bahrainedb.com or via telefax to 973-175-899-00.

All registrations must be received by Monday, February 20, 2006.

****Early registration is encouraged due to space limitations.****

Additional details will be provided upon registration.



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CONFERENCE AGENDA
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**Italics denote invited speakers.*

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

SPEAKERS

*Shaikh Salman Bin Hamad Al-Khalifa, Crown Prince of Bahrain **

Carlos M. Gutierrez, United States Secretary of Commerce

Naser M. Al Belooshi, Bahraini Ambassador to the United States*

William T. Monroe, United States Ambassador to Bahrain

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

MINISTERS PLENARY

“Spreading the Good Word of Economic Reform in the Region”

REPRESENTED ON THE PANEL

Ministry of Industry & Commerce, Bahrain

Ministry of Industry & Trade, Jordan

Ministry of Commerce, Industry, & Minerals, Oman

Ministry of Finance & Industry, United Arab Emirates

10:40 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

FTA PLENARY

“Making FTAs Work for Business”

REPRESENTED ON THE PANEL

Bahrain FTA Committee

U.S.-Middle East Free Trade Coalition

American Chamber of Commerce in Bahrain

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

U.S. TRADE & INVESTMENT PLENARY

“Facilitating the Growth of Trade and Investment”

REPRESENTED ON THE PANEL

Office of the United States Trade Representative

Overseas Private Investment Corporation

Export-Import Bank of the United States

United States Trade and Development Agency

11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

PRAYER TIME & COFFEE BREAK

12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

MODERATOR

Frank L. Lavin, Under Secretary for International Trade, United States Department of Commerce

REPRESENTED ON THE PANEL

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Jordanian Ministry of Industry & Commerce

Office of the United States Trade Representative

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12:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

CONCURRENT BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

“Sectors to Benefit from FTAs”

Presentations by U.S. and local/regional business executives discussing benefits of FTAs for their industries.

SECTOR SPECIFIC BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

- Communications and Information Technology
- Financial Services
- Energy and Downstream Petroleum
- Tourism and Infrastructure
- Healthcare and Medical Services
- Manufacturing and Services

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

KEYNOTE LUNCHEON

“Highlighting Trade & Investment Opportunities in the Middle East”

REMARKS

Carlos M. Gutierrez, United States Secretary of Commerce